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Following my conversation June 22 with Foreign Minister Toriello (EMBTEL 1088, June 23), Guatemalan Foreign Office issued statement published in all papers and broadcast in English and Spanish yesterday saying government had given assurances that lives and property of US citizens would be respected and protected during present emergency in same way as those of Guatemalans and other foreigners as long as they complied strictly with regulations issued by constituted authorities and remained in places where they had their domiciles. Statement added government could not preclude dangers arising from armed aggression to which Guatemala was subjected by other states.

All inhabitants were urged to remain calm and continue their normal occupations except when limited by present restrictions.

For Department's information, Toriello had sent Garcia Galvez, Chief of Protocol, to my house night of June 22 to suggest I issue statement similar to that later put out by Ministry. I informed him next day draft was unacceptable for several reasons and that I preferred not issue any statement.

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